

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on June 17, 2003. Claims 1-17 and 19-26 are pending in the present application. Claim 19-26 are allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph because it is unclear if the first and second surfaces recited in claim 8 is the same "plate surface" recited in line 3 of claim 1. Responsive thereto, Applicant has amended claims 8-15 by defining a plurality of first conducting strips oriented in one direction relative to the plate surface and a plurality of second conducting strips oriented in the opposite direction of the first plurality. Support for such amendments can be found in FIGS. 5-6A and the specification related thereto.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-17, as best understood by the Examiner, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Brandenburg et al. (U.S. Patent 6,180,045). Responsive thereto, Applicant has amended the claims to require a cabinet-fixing portion provided on the plate for securing a cabinet to said plate. Support for such amendment can be found in the specification on page 8, lines 21-23 and at least in FIG. 1 (element 110).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner that the claims are taught by the cited art. The Manual For Patenting Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 2131 clearly sets forth the standard for rejecting a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (MPEP § 2131, quoting Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed Cir. 1987)). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ...claim." (MPEP § 2131, quoting Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989)). "The elements must be arranged

as required by the claim, but this is not an *ipse dixit* test, i.e. identity of terminology is not required." (MPEP § 2131, citing In re Bond, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990)).

In this case, the Brandenburg et al. reference fails to teach the claimed invention as required by the MPEP. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that the Brandenburg et al. reference fails to teach or reasonably suggest an electromagnetic shielding plate for shielding electromagnetic radiation by covering at least a part of an object comprising: a conductive covering plate having an edge, a plate surface and a cabinet-fixing portion for securing a cabinet to said plate surface; and a plurality of connecting strips provided along the edge of said covering plate, said connecting strips extending along said plate surface and downwardly from said edge and terminating in tip portions that conduct electromagnetic radiation from said conductive covering plate to a ground; wherein each of the connecting strips of the plurality is bent so that the tip portion thereof projects partially outwardly from said plate surface of the covering plate and makes resilient surface contact with a ground, as claimed. Similarly, it is respectfully submitted that the Brandenburg et al. reference fails to teach or reasonably suggest an electromagnetic shielding plate for shielding electromagnetic radiation by covering at least a part of an object comprising: a box-shaped structure having a plate portion with a cabinet-fixing portion provided thereon for securing a cabinet to said plate portion, and a side surface portion provided around said plate portion and formed integrally therewith; wherein notches extending from the edge of said side surface portion to a part of said plate portion are provided at a plurality of locations along the edge of said side surface portion; and wherein said side surface portion is divided into projections by said notches, said projections extending downwardly from said plate portion and terminating in tips that conduct electromagnetic radiation to a ground, and said respective projections are supported by the plate portion with said respective tips being elastically displaceable during the shielding of said electromagnetic radiation, as claimed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

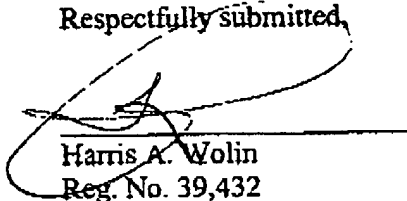
For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, and in addition to already allowed claims 19-26, it

is believed that claims 1-17, consisting of independent claims 1 and 17 and the claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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